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I have the honour to report that the press office of the President of the Azerbaijani Republic has issued a statement in connection with the further intensification of military operations by the Armenian armed forces in Azerbaijani territory. Recently, according to the statement, both immediately prior to and after the opening of the meeting in Rome of the countries which make up the Minsk Group of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), the Armenian armed forces stepped up their aggression along the Armenian-Azerbaijani border and in the direction of the Agjabedi, Ter Ter and Fizuli districts bordering upper Karabakh. The uninterrupted attacks on Azerbaijani settlements and the intensive shelling of the peaceful population by tanks and artillery have killed and wounded many and destroyed administrative buildings and residences. Using "corridors" in the occupied Lachin and Kelbajar districts of Azerbaijan, Armenia's military-political leaders continue to concentrate their war equipment and troops in captured districts of Azerbaijan. Thus the Armenian side is not only failing to observe the cease-fire agreement, but is also using the current situation to prepare for a new, large-scale offensive in Azerbaijani districts adjacent to upper Karabakh.

In this connection, the Azerbaijani side calls on the international community, through the competent international organizations, and on the States members of the United Nations Security Council and the CSCE Minsk Group to take further effective measures to ensure the full implementation of resolutions 822 (1993) and 853 (1993) and, above all, the immediate, full and unconditional withdrawal of Armenian armed forces from the occupied districts of Azerbaijan. It must be borne in mind that the precedent being set by the Armenian side's "insubordination" to international law has dangerous consequences for peace in the region and for the security of all its States and peoples.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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